

Service Date: May 28, 1980

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application of)
PETROLANE BETA GAS SERVICE to)
increase its gas rates.)

DOCKET NO. 80.4.6
DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4650

On April 19, 1980, PETROLANE BETA GAS SERVICE (Applicant) filed a petition with the Montana Public Service Commission pursuant to jurisdiction granted by 69-3-101 et seq., MCA, FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING APPLICANT TO INCREASE ITS GAS RATES 46.65%, IN ORDER TO OFFSET INCREASED FUEL COSTS.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was published in the May 1, 1980 issue of The Searchlight, Culbertson, Montana, and in the April 26, 1980 issue of The Billings Gazette, Billings, Montana.
2. No protests or requests for hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter in this proceeding.
2. The rates approved herein are reasonable, just and proper.

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, at a session of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana, held in the offices at Helena, Montana, there regularly came before the Commission the matters and things in Docket No. 80.4.6 and the Commission being fully advised in the premises:

IT IS ORDERED that PETROLANE BETA GAS SERVICE is authorized to increase its gas rates as follows:

First	300 cu. ft., or less	\$6.82
Next	8,700 cu. ft., per cu. ft.	.01651
Over	9,000 cu. ft., per cu. ft.	.01690

Applicable to all large commercial, small industrial and public schools for fire gas service (Commercial industrial users who use an average of 10,000 cu. ft. of gas per month).

First	35,750 cu. ft., per cu. ft.	.01554
Over	35,750 cu. ft., per cu. ft.	.01524

Minimum Charge:

Other than public schools - monthly	\$152.29
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Schools:

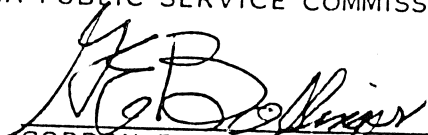
October to May inclusive - monthly	\$113.65
June to September inclusive - monthly	\$ 45.46

Applicable to Industrial Gas Service:
By separate contract only.

These rates are effective for services rendered on or after May 27, 1980.

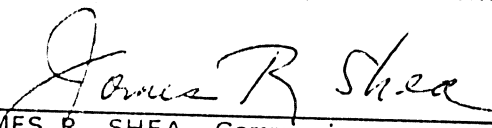
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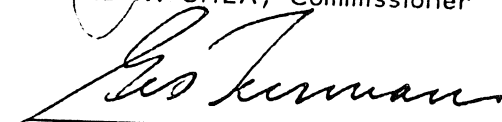
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.


GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman

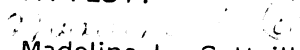

CLYDE JARVIS, Commissioner


THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner


JAMES R. SHEA, Commissioner


GEORGE TURMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Madeline L. Cottrill
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38-2.2(64)-P2750, ARM.